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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 167570

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD,

SUBJECT: FISHERIES IN THE MTN

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3. UNLESS WE ACT QUICKLY IN LIGHT OF JULY ENDING DATE, WE BELIEVE THIS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN INCREASED ACCESS TO FOREIGN MARKETS FOR U.S. FISH COULD BE LOST. IN ORDER TO ASSIST DEL IN ACHIEVING USG OBJECTIVES IN FISH AND FISH PRODUCTS NORMAN PEASE, FISH ATTACHE' FOR EUROPE HAS BEEN DETAILED TO GENEVA FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 3-15. PEASE WILL REPORT TO CULBERT THE MORNING OF JULY 3. GIVEN EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN FISH SECTOR, WE BELIEVE PEASE CAN PROVIDE DEL IMPORTANT ASSISTANCE AS FINAL PACKAGE OF CONCESSIONS ARE NEGOTIATED.

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